



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of :

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## RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated May 1, 2003, applicants amend their application as follows:

## **ELECTION OF INVENTION:**

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse, the invention characterized by the Examiner as Group I drawn to a method and submit that claims 1-4 are readable on the elected invention.

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